



Kwanzaa celebrates the African roots of Americans

Natasha Byrd
Guest Writer

The Multiethnic Student Services is hosting its annual Kwanzaa celebration on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. in Holloway's Great Hall. The celebration is for everyone and promises to be a fun-filled and informative event.

Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, Chair of Black Studies and a professor at the California University at Long Beach, CA. Kwanzaa is a seven-day holiday, celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

According to Karanga's book *The African American Holiday of Kwanzaa*, Kwanzaa is based on African agricultural celebrations and its "collective principles contribute to the unity and development of the African community."

In addition, Kwanzaa encourages African Americans to think about their African roots, as well as their present day connection to America. Kwanzaa, which

means "the first fruits," introduces and reinforces the Nguzo Saba, or "the Seven Principles," which are Umoja (Unity); Kujichagulia (Self-determination); Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility); Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics); Nia (Purpose); Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith).

Kwanzaa, like all holidays, has its own special symbols. Kwanzaa has seven basic symbols and two supplementary symbols. The primary symbols are Mazao (crops); Mkeka (mat); Kinara (the candle-holder); Muhindi (corn); Zawadi (gifts); Kikombe cha Umoja (the Unity Cup); and Mishumaa Saba (the seven candles).

These seven candles of Mishumaa Saba are the heart and spirit of Kwanzaa. One black candle is placed in the center of the Kinara, with three red ones on the left and three green ones on the right. Each day a candle is lit to symbolize one of the Nguzo Saba (Seven Principles). The person lighting the candle explains its sig-

nificance and the candle remains the main topic of discussion for that day.

The two supplementary symbols are a poster or other representation of the Nguzo Saba (the Seven Principles) and bendera ya taifa, the national flag or one similar that has the standard black, red, and green colors established by Marcus Garvey. Above all, "Kwanzaa was created to address the absence of non-heroic holidays in the National African American Community," writes Karanga.

"With the possible exception of African American History Month, which itself is essentially organized around heroes and heroines," Karanga continued, "There was no national holiday to celebrate a communal event of great historical and cultural significance before the creation of Kwanzaa."

For additional information, please contact Vaughn White, Director of Multiethnic Student Services.

RA position offers Experience of a lifetime

Alex Santavenere
Guest Writer

"My air conditioner is broken." "Can I have some sticky tabs?" "The music next door is too loud." "Where can I get a vacuum cleaner?" The amazing answer to all these questions and more are not from an obsessive-compulsive or a superhero. Chances are, it's simply your local Resident Assistant (RA).

The RA position is a dynamic and challenging opportunity for students, as well as a way to enhance their college experience by assuming a leadership role. It is hard to miss an RA in his/her natural habitat during evening hours in any given residence hall. However, sitting in the office or walking rounds throughout the building are two roles that symbolize a

tiny encapsulation of what being an RA is really about.

Much of the work behind the scenes of the Residence Life staff results in the variety of on-campus activities held throughout the year. Events such as the annual Quadfest, Luau, and Tikiville, are all planned and run by residence hall staffs.

The rivalry-driven Spring Olympics, organized through the Resident Hall Association (RHA), is also one of the Resident Assistants' responsibilities and has proved to be fun for many Residence Life members, as well.

The nature of the RA position is quite social; meeting and working with

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In Case You Missed It...



Salisbury Considers Replacing Mayor with Manager

The strong mayor form of government in Salisbury may soon be replaced. The council plans to vote Dec. 13 on whether to amend the city charter and adopt a council manager in 2002. Four of the five members who are in favor of the change argue that a professional manager would be better equipped than the mayor to take control of daily operations, making the city government more efficient. Opponents, including Mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman, contend that the current system is more democratic because a strong mayor is an elected official. The issue is further complicated by the belief of some that the council is acting out of personal dislike of the mayor, rather than in the best interests of the city. The council insists this is not the case and has offered the Mayor a position as a voting member and even postponement of the change until 2006.

Dramatic Rise in Test Scores at Local School

Administrators at Pemberton Elementary School recently learned that a dramatic increase was recorded for their school in math and science state test scores for 1999. Last year's principal, Judylynn Mitchell, said the students prepared rigorously for the tests and the school strengthened its teaching strategies. Despite five years of steady growth, the state average dropped for this year. However, many schools on the Lower Eastern Shore are reporting improved scores, which has boosted their overall performance rating.

Russians Forces Block Chechen City

Russian forces blockaded the Chechen city of Argun, but ran into fierce resistance from the militants who control the eastern gateway to the capital, Grozny,

Russian officials said Saturday. After days of heavy fighting, Russian forces were able to seize the outskirts of Argun, encircling the city that is nine miles from Grozny. Russian planes and artillery pounded rebel-controlled parts of the city. However, mines planted by retreating rebels, complicated the advance. Russians forces also appear to have successfully blockaded main roads in and out of Grozny and continued to bombard it on Saturday. Initially optimistic, Russian commanders have admitted that it may take months to defeat the Chechen forces.

Governments Replenish Ozone Fund

Officials from 129 governments from around the world have agreed to replenish a fund intended to help developing countries phase out the production and use of ozone-depleting chemicals. At a five-day U.N.-sponsored conference that ended Friday in Beijing, officials agreed to \$440 million in new contributions, bringing the total multilateral fund to \$475 million, organizers said.

Renewed Violence in Serbia Kills Three

An explosion in the home of a local leader killed a woman and injured two others as renewed violence erupted against Kosovo's Serbs, NATO reported Saturday. The blast in Kosovska Kamenica, 20 miles south of Pristina, came just hours after NATO reported that two other Serbs were killed 30 miles southwest of Pristina while collecting firewood. The three days on Friday were also accompanied by other incidents of anti-Serb violence. Two Serbs from Velika Hoca were shot while collecting firewood and villagers threw stones and shattered the windows of a bus carrying Serbs between the towns of Nis, and Serbia Granica, Kosovo. Dozens of people rioted outside the town's U.N. police station, winning the release of a man detained for assaulting an American police officer.

Res. Life Staff looks for interested students

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tion. Not many could identify with this concept better than veteran RA, Mike Herdson, of Chesapeake Hall.

"The friendships and social network one can establish through this position are irreplaceable," commented Herdson. "It's not about the single room or the payment, but the experience and people that make everything great."

In 11 residence halls across campus, 50 undergraduate students currently hold Resident Assistant positions. Circumstances such as graduation, once again, have the Residence Life staff searching for a few good men and women. Students with sound leadership qualities and good social

skills are needed for the Fall 2000 semester.

Interest meetings will be held in the Caruthers Hall Auditorium on Dec. 7, 8, and 13, at 7 p.m., 10 p.m., and 8 p.m., respectively. Those who cannot attend on those dates, additional meetings include Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 2 at 8:30 p.m. Applications can only be picked up at one of these meetings, so those interested must be present at one of the scheduled gatherings.

The Resident Assistant position is clearly more of an experience than a job - who could contest the mighty Herdson? New applicants are needed, so talk to your RA and be on the look out for flyers.

One More Way to Help Out...

"Toys for Tots" needs our help to reach its local fundraising goal. The organization is asking students to contribute by dropping off their Super Fresh receipts in the "Toys for Tots" box at the store's exit. By donating, students will be giving area children a happier holiday. For more information, contact Chad Mullane.

Overheard on Red Square

Holiday Lights

Guess this means tuition will go up to pay for the extra electricity!

Frozen Fountain

What a sight to see as you walked across campus in the freezing cold weather!

Parking

Okay, so we thought it was bad last week. This drop in temperatures certainly brought out the cars.

Def Leopard at Civic Center

They say the Eastern Shore is behind in the times, but come on...

SSU honors outstanding alumnus

Press Release

Office of Public Relations

Clinton G. Bradway, Class of 1956, will be honored with the prestigious Alumni Appreciation Award at SSU's Commencement Ceremony on Sunday Dec. 19.

Distinguished secondary school teacher and administrator for 34 years, the Cambridge native has been a member of the SSU Alumni Association Board of Directors since 1990. Bradway played a key role in the funding and construction of the Alumni House, which opened in 1996.

"Mr. Bradway was one of our state's finest educators for many years," said Roy Perdue, Director of Alumni Relations. "We consider ourselves very fortunate that, upon his retirement, he moved to Salisbury and immediately became an active leader in the Alumni Association."

"Through his efforts," Perdue continued, "Participation in alumni events at SSU has never been greater and alumni are taking an increasingly active role in the implementation of the University's strategic plan."

After graduating from the Salisbury Teachers College, a precursor to SSU, Bradway taught eighth grade social education at Aberdeen High School in Hartford County from 1956 to 1958, then English at Cambridge Junior High School in Dorchester County until 1965.

Bradway was also the youngest person ever to serve as President (1960-61) of the Dorchester County Teachers Association. In 1964, he played a major role in integrating the two segregated teachers associations in the county.

Moving out of the classroom and into the principal's office in 1965, Bradway spent the next 25 years as a secondary school administrator in Anne Arundel County. In 1968, he earned his Master's of Education from the University of Maryland at College Park.

While living in Cape St. Clair in Anne Arundel County, Bradley remained actively involved with community affairs and in his church. He helped establish St. Andrew by the Bay Catholic Church parish, where he served as choir member, chairman of the Liturgy Committee, and

Parish Council President. In 1990, he was the first recipient of the Baltimore Diocese's Medal of Honor for his contributions to the parish church.

Following his retirement and move to Salisbury, Bradway immediately became involved with the SSU Alumni Association and was elected to the Board of Directors, a position he still holds. In addition to his work at the Alumni House, he was instrumental in planning the appreciation dinner for Drs. Flory and John May in 1992.

Bradway chaired the Alumni Association's Strategic Planning Committee, which reviewed and updated the organization's bylaws and developed its mission statement. He also served on a subcommittee for President William Merwin's inauguration, designing and donating the mace, an ornamental staff, that was used then and that is still used for all official academic ceremonies at SSU, including commencement.

Bradway has been married for 41 years to Ramona Nabb Bradway. Past recipients of the SSU Alumni

Appreciation Award include Edgar A. Baker, Billye P. Sarbanes, and Paul Rendine.

The Commencement Ceremony will be held in the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center and is a ticketed event. For more information, please call the Public Relations Office at 410-543-6030.

Obituary -

Greg Lee Johnson, a junior majoring in geography, died suddenly on Monday, Nov. 29 from complications due to cancer. The funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newman Funeral Home in Chester, MD. Memorial donations may be made to the Greg L. Johnson Memorial Fund, Salisbury State University Foundation.



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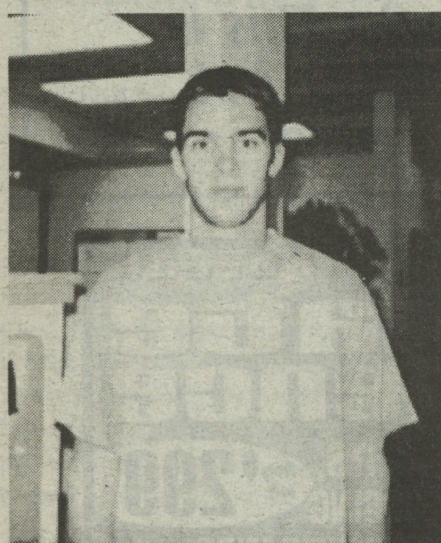
SGA began its annual elections yesterday, Dec. 6. Students can cast their votes at booths in the Commons and Caruthers Hall or electronically, via the SGA website.

Lee Roth, the current President of the SGA, said, "We are encouraging people to vote because this is the opportunity for them to be heard."

Some of the candidates expressed their disappointment at previous SGA election turnouts. Kelly Kolwicz, one of the vice presidential candidates, commented, "Elections here are not that popular - it is a shame."

As this year's elections approach, candidates' spirits are high and the large number of responses forced the SGA to extend its nomination deadline to this past Friday. Another vice presidential candidate, Joey Hutchinson said, "It should be a fun race; there is good competition."

Executive Vice President



Sean Ofeldt is a sophomore majoring in accounting. He is currently the Vice President of Public Relations, a position he has held for the past year. Ofeldt said if he is elected Executive Vice President, he plans to work on relations within the University community. "I hope to strengthen the ties across campus with students, staff and faculty," said Ofeldt. "I also hope to work on Safe Ride and make it better than it is."

The Executive Vice President is in charge of insuring that the SGA is operating smoothly. This job entails watching over all the other vice presidents within the SGA and making sure each one is doing his/her job. The Executive Vice President must also manage the SGA's budget.

Candidate(s):

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President

The President of the SGA serves as a liaison between administration, faculty, and students in the University community. The President is the official spokesperson of SGA and is responsible for concerns of the students so that their voice can be heard. The President chairs SGA Forums and reports to the University Forum on the students' behalf.

Candidate(s):

Christine Pelletier is a junior majoring in communication arts and has a minor in marketing management. She has been actively involved at SSU throughout her college career. At the end of her freshman year, Pelletier took over as chair of the Homecoming Committee. She is also the Vice President of University Affairs, a position she was elected to in January of her sophomore year. Pelletier said that as President, her main goal would be, "To let the voices of the student to be heard, I am willing to put my opinion on the back burner and tell the students opinions on issues first."



VP of University Affairs

The Vice President of University Affairs regulates the activities of student organizations and acts as a messenger between the administration and the student body.

Candidate(s):

Kelly Kolwicz, a sophomore with a major in communication arts and a minor in marketing management, has held the position as Speaker of the Senate during the past year. She was also a senator as a freshman. If elected Vice President of University Affairs, Kolwicz said she would like to see more done with the Registered Student Organization Point System. "They did a great job starting it up and I want to continue it," said Kolwicz.



Election spotlights by Randi Lipack

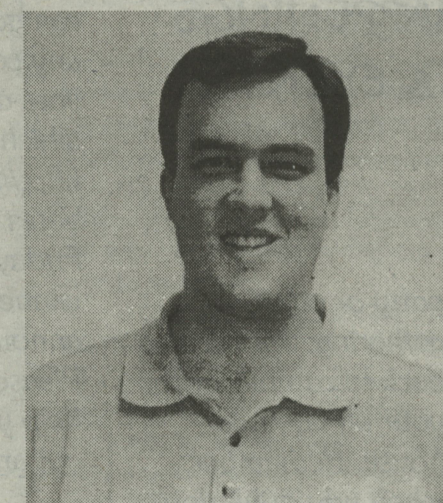
Elections

VP of Public Relations

The Vice President of Public Relations is responsible for general public relations, which includes publicizing all SGA activities. He/she informs the campus and the community about various issues being handled by the SGA. This position also handles public relations between Senators and the rest of the SGA.

Candidate(s):

Joey Hutchinson is a junior with a double major in business administration and history, concentrating on marketing. As an SGA Senator, he is involved with the University's fiscal review and chairs the Constitution Review Committee. "I have big shoes to fill," Hutchinson said of the position he hopes to obtain. "Publicity is important because it opens up the lines of communication so students know more about what is going on."



Jennifer Snelson, a junior majoring in communication arts and minoring in marketing, was elected as a senator last semester and is a member of the Publicity Committee. As an employee of Channel 47, she has a lot of public relations experience. Snelson is presently working on a SGA television show, which will begin next semester.



The program will provide publicity for SGA, as well as for any other student organization, which may not be as well-known. Her goal is to "Help SGA strengthen its relationship with other organizations and with students." Snelson also plans to increase campus awareness of the SGA and its activities. "People should know who we are and what we do."

VP of External Affairs

The Vice President of External Affairs is in charge of making students aware of various University policies, such as the Camden Compact and the Alcohol Policy amendment. The Vice President of External Affairs must determine how students feel about these issues and relay his/her findings back to the SGA.

Candidate(s):

Bryan Levenson, a junior with a major in communication arts and a minor in business management, chaired the External Affairs Committee this year and acted as its reporter last semester. Levenson was also instrumental in planning this year's Delegation Dinner. Of his opponent Doug Church, Levenson said, "I just hope I can beat him."

Doug

Church is a freshman majoring in business administration and is currently an SGA Senator.



He is a freshman and I have already been in the organization for one year; experience-wise I have the edge."

He also serves on the Maryland Higher Education Commission and is a member of the External Affairs Committee. Church said that despite his opponent's qualifications, he feels he has the advantage of being a native of Salisbury. "I hope to gain the respect of people in the community and work with them to get what we want," said Church.

Jamie Pazur is a freshman with a double major in history and philosophy. She was involved with MCR, the Student Government Association of Montgomery County, throughout high school. Pazur said if she wins, she intends to make SSU a more spirited place to be. "Our school needs more spirit," Pazur said. "More people need to attend football games." She plans to start a Spirit Committee that will work closely with the students and with SOAP. "I want to continue what Sean [Ofeldt, the current Vice President of Public Relations] has done and get SGA's name out there," said Pazur. "I will do my job and do it well."



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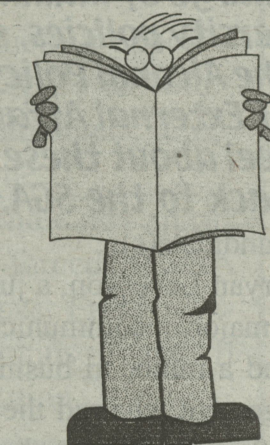
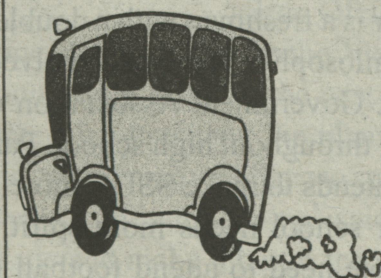
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SGA ELECTIONS

SGA elections began this past Monday and will continue through this Thursday until 5pm. Please come out and support the candidates running for Executive Brd. and Senate positions. Your vote is very important and will help the SGA gain better student voice on campus. You can vote in Caruthers Hall or in the Commons. Also you

can go online from any computer and vote on our SGA site which is at <http://sga.ssu.edu>. Votes will be counted Friday and the winners will be announced late Friday. Please help the SGA help you and come out and vote!

UNIVERSITY FORUM

Today at 3:30pm in Devilbiss Hall 149 the University forum meets. Please come out and show support for the student voice on campus.

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Editorial

Something to keep in mind this holiday season...

I learned an important lesson for the holidays this week and I need to share it with all of you: my peers, professors, alumni, staff members and outside community members.

I returned from my observations at the Pemberton Elementary School at around 11:30 a.m. this week; it was so cold and the parking lots were so full. Needless to say, there were no spots in the lot I normally park in, so I drove around, muttering under my breath, and checked several other lots. I could not believe there were no spots!

So, I ended up parking where I wasn't supposed to and walking, or shall we say, practically running to my very distant class, so that I wouldn't be late. The whole way there I was thinking about how awful this day was and how I was certainly going to be complaining in my editorial this week about parking problems at SSU.

All of a sudden, I came upon a friend who used to live in my cluster in Choptank last year. I stopped to say hi, and she asked if I had heard about Gerri Fitch, another of our clustermates from the year before.

Gerri suffered tremendous losses this past week. In a house fire in Pocomoke City, Gerri's house burned down and she lost her son, mother, and another adult and child. Gerri received second degree burns.

I could not believe it. Gerri's son, Tre, used to visit last year and he played in our room because we had Bouncing Tigger. He even helped us vacuum from time to time. Such a ball of life and only three years old, to be lost - I could not believe that such a tragedy could occur.

I suddenly got hit with the reality that I was so selfish, especially around this time of the year. Here I was worrying about

not having a stupid parking place, meanwhile there are so many people out there in need of more than just a place to park.

I learned such an important lesson this week - about life, about being selfish, about caring for others. And I am asking you, all of you, just to take a minute to think about your life. Think about all that you have, all that you have been blessed with, your good fortune, your family, your friends, your place at SSU. Then, I need you to do something.

I know this is a busy time for everyone. Believe me, I know. But what I want you to do won't take long.

I want you to spread your holiday cheer. I don't care what religion you practice, who you are, what your position here on campus is - I want you to do something to help another person. And don't tell me that you're buying beer for your buddy this weekend. That's not what I mean.

There are funds on campus for Gerri - please, by all means, donate a little money for someone who has lost so much this holiday season. There are canned food drives, toy drives, mentoring programs, soup kitchens, and so many more causes that just need help. Donate your time, your money, yourself. Please, just do it. If you don't know how you can help, call The Flyer office or stop by, we'll send you in the right direction.

"To receive a gift, molded from love and sacrifice, selected with care and tied up with all the excitement the giver has to offer, is indeed rare. They don't come along often, but when they do, cherish them." - Erma Bombeck

Thank you for helping me make this season a little bit brighter for those who could use a little spirit.

The Flyer

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The Flyer is published by SSU students every Tuesday during the fall and spring semesters. The Flyer has a weekly circulation of 2,500 copies, and is published in Aldus Pagemaker on Apple computers and printers.

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The Countdown is on...
The last day of classes is in just one week and finals end two weeks from today!

Letters to the Editor

Lack of multiculturalism for the holidays at SSU

To the Editor:

Welcome to the end of November, once again, at Salisbury State University. It's time for beautiful lights all across campus and yes, oh yes, CHRISTMAS decorations.

From the University Center to the Dining Hall to the sacred Holloway Hall, you can see beautifully decorated Christmas Trees. My question is where are the Hanukkah decorations or anything representing any other holiday besides Christmas.

Even the Book Rack has two full windows dedicated to Christmas. At least here, there is an attempt with a small bag that says Happy Hanukkah.

Then there is Christmas week at the very same Book Rack, where you can get great deals all week for a holiday that lasts one day. However, is there a Hanukkah week, a holiday which actually lasts eight days, or even a Kwanzaa week? NO, there isn't. And my only question is why?

Salisbury is a campus I thought was so concerned about multiculturalism and race issues.

They even held a "town meeting" for all faculty and staff to attend, yet they overlook a simple thing like decorations.

I'm not saying that SSU should take down all the Christmas decorations

on this campus, but there are over 6,000 people that attend this establishment and it is pure ignorance to actually believe that every student celebrates the birth of Christ.

All I ask is that there be some sort of equal representation, especially in the areas where most students must go, like the Commons.

Some people say it's a holiday tree. Well, any tree with red and green bulbs and a lighted star at the top, is a Christmas Tree.

As an RA, it is my job to be aware of the differences that exist in the residence halls as well as on the campus. I expect the university community to be responsible for this awareness too.

Do I honestly believe that this letter will cause the University to change its ways? Probably not, but it is an attempt to make people aware of the differences that do exist on this campus.

For a school that receives such "great" acclaim in the press, this is just a blemish that shouldn't be overlooked.

Sincerely,
Aaron Talasnik
Resident Assistant
General Manager - WSUR

Praise for The Flyer

To the Editor:

Congratulations!

I have been a loyal and satisfied reader of *The Flyer* since my arrival at SSU in 1989 as a faculty member in the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business. Many years ago, when I was an engineering student, I had a lot of fun and a lot of learning working as a contributing editor at the *SUN*, the college newspaper of my alma mater in Birmingham, England. I know firsthand the trials and tribulations of putting out a student newspaper.

I wished to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your very capable team for doing an outstanding job with your paper. In the recent weeks, the already high quality of your publication has been enhanced with good, interesting, and thought provoking writing and reporting. Your graphics are well designed, your layout is pleasing to the eye, and your overall production values have shown great improvement. You are all a credit to Salisbury State University.

Well done...

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"Who Dunnit?"

Tara DeBolt
Staff Writer

Was it really Miss Scarlet in the kitchen with the candlestick? Well, on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 7-9 p.m., you can discover the truth at the Panhellenic Association's Murder Mystery Theater in the Wicomico Room.

Sophanes, SSU's drama club, is assisting Panhellenic in hosting this evening of "who dunnit." "We are very thankful for their help with this event," said Panhellenic President Angela Popowski.

This is the first time Panhellenic Association and Sophanes have been brought together for an event.

The actors for the evening cannot be identified due to the major interaction between the audience and themselves. The idea is to make it difficult for participants to distinguish between the actors and the real audi-

ence members.

Audience members will receive a small thank you for their participation. The person who is able to reveal the murderer and the motive will receive a prize.

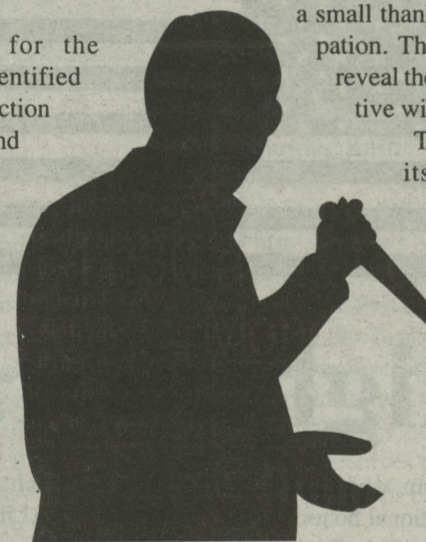
This is the first event of its kind sponsored by Panhellenic. "We hope Murder Mystery Theater brings enough support to have it become an annual event," said Popowski. It is hoped that other or-

ganizations will come out to support the Panhellenic Association.

The Panhellenic Association at SSU was established to encourage sisterhood among sororities.

The price for the show is \$7 admission or \$5 with a meal card. There will be food and beverages served during the show. Half of the proceeds will benefit the Grant-A-Wish Foundation, which recently opened an office in Ocean City. The event is also a fundraiser for Panhellenic to help with membership recruitment in the fall.

If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Danielle McGovern via email at DSM2646@students.ssu.edu.



Get "Frozen in Time"

Monica Yaeger
Staff Writer

Do you feel like dancing, but have nowhere to go? Well, put on those dancing shoes and head over to the Bistro of the Commons on Friday, Dec. 10 for the Fifth Annual Snowball Dance.

Sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, the Snowball gives students the chance to dance, socialize and snack on light refreshments. Music for the dance will be provided by DJ Blake, who also deejays at the Monkey Barrel. The theme for this year's dance is "Frozen in Time."

The dance is semiformal; therefore, people dressed in T-shirts, hats, jeans and flip-flops will not be allowed to attend. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and ends at midnight.

Tickets are \$7 a person and \$12 a couple. Pictures will be taken at the beginning of the dance and picture key chains will be sold as keepsakes for \$2.

"Last year, there were about 250-300 people," stated Diana Federici, president of RHA. "We expect a bigger turnout this year."

Make a difference as a mentor

Jennifer Anderson
Staff Writer

There are many children in Wicomico County who "already have teachers, but need friends," according to SSU's Bilingual Education Careers Program Assistant Justiniano Rodriguez. This concept is central to the mentoring program that Rodriguez coordinates at SSU.

Available to students of all majors, the program is volunteer-based, and requires one hour a week. Usually, the hour is spent chaperoning a field trip, playing games, or helping the child with his or her homework.

Mentors are assigned to children in any age bracket from the first grade to senior year in high school. "You're not going to get the best child in the class," admitted Rodriguez. "These are children of single parents or parents who work a lot and don't get to spend any time with them."

The main purpose is to help reach some of the community's troubled children. "For every angry child, there

is a weak spot, and you can find it if you want to help that child. Everyone has had experiences that these kids may not have [encountered] yet, and we need mentors to share those experiences with them so the kids might not make the same mistakes," said Rodriguez.

With more female than male students, SSU lacks in male mentors. "There is a big need for male mentors," urged Rodriguez. "That's what I am campaigning for. SSU has so many talented male students, who can help with the life of a troubled child... instead of sleeping until 11 [a.m.]."

To become involved in the program, a potential mentor needs to fill out an application,

get a background check, decide on the time period he/she wish to volunteer, and go to training. Applications and additional information can be obtained from Rodriguez in the Bilingual Education office (HH 347) or by calling 410-677-5009.

The program's benefits certainly outweigh the one-hour a week requirement. Mentors are given the opportunity to create a relationship with an attention-thirsty child and, according to Rodriguez, gain hands-on practice for potential parenting. "Mentors not only teach children, but they can also learn from them," said Rodriguez. "In most cases, they will learn."



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Student Spotlight Patrick Daly

Marcie Judges
Staff Writer

As children, some of us had dreams and aspirations of one day becoming the most powerful person in the world, the President of the United States of America. For most, these dreams eventually faded away along with those days of playing in the sandbox, but not for sophomore Patrick Daly. He hopes to turn his dreams of Oval Office into a reality someday.

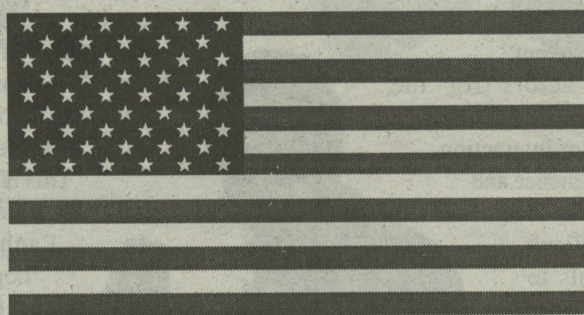
"My goal is to be President of the U.S. I plan to start small and work my way up," said Daly.

To begin his journey to the White House, Daly joined the Student Government Association (SGA) as a Senator. He

also spent his first year of college at a Community College in St. Mary's County, where he was President of the SGA.

"I am an SGA person. I came the first day of school and wanted to know where to sign up, so I could run," he said.

As a political science major, a model student legislator and a member of the Student Republicans, Daly is acquiring the knowledge he will need to prepare him for the



position as Leader of the Free World.

Before he can become President, he hopes to acquire practical experience by working as an assistant in the Chief Information Office in Washington, D.C. He interned there this past winter and spring

to help assure him a position once he has graduated. Daly also plans to become active in his local community on various

boards and, possibly, as a state delegate.

Even when you are as driven for success as Daly is, you need a little down time just to relax. When he gets a moment to rest, he turns on some Frank Sinatra and reads about those political leaders he is striving to be like. Daly also enjoys singing in his free time, and is a member of the University Chamber Choir. He said that the relaxing pace of SSU allows him to clear his mind and relax.

Daly believes that, in order to achieve success in all aspects of life, students need to "treat others as they would like to be treated; help others out and be friendly. If people will lead, the leaders will follow."

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Clara Small

Tara DeBolt
Staff Writer

Dr. Clara Small, Associate Professor of History in the Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts, is a very busy woman, as noted by a sign in her office: "I am Woman. I am Invincible. I am Tired!" With all her work here on-campus, as well as her work off-campus, it is easy to see why this sign is so fitting.

In an office filled with books and almost as many boxes, Small is recovering from her recent trip to North Carolina. She has actively been involved in the flood relief effort for the area. After hearing about the damage caused by the flood, Small called the Perdue offices and requested their help. Soon, they were shipping down items to those who had been affected.

Helping with the North Carolina flood relief is just one of her many community services. In addition to teaching seven courses here (including World Civilizations, which is often called the "arm-pits of history," she explained), Small is co-advisor to Phi Alpha Theta, chancellor of the North Eastern Region for Pi Gamma Mu, and is a member of Consortium of Doctors, Ltd. She also presents speeches across the nation.

As co-advisor of Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society, Small assists students in presenting papers for awards and regional conferences. She has served as a member of the National Paper Prize Committee for six years, judging papers for such awards.

Pi Gamma Mu, which originated in 1924, is an international honor society. As chancellor, Small sits on the board of trustees. She helps with policy decisions and resolving conflicts; serves on the awards and scholarship committee, as well as supporting other chapters within the area.

When a school applies for a Pi Gamma Mu charter, Small makes a site visit to help determine if the school will receive the charter. She also attends initiations on various campuses, often as a guest speaker. "I have a great time," she said. This year, Maryland Gamma, SSU's local chapter, won the award for social service over a period of three years and the roll of distinction, which is the highest award bestowed upon a chapter. On Dec. 12, new members will be initiated here at SSU. "This is the largest [group] we have had initiated on this campus since our charter in 1983," she said.

Founded in 1991, the Consortium of Doctors, Ltd. consists solely of women who have earned a doctorate and have made contributions to the community. Small was inducted in the Consortium this past August. "It is a recognition of community service, of my work with international honor societies, and professional standing, not just here, but nationwide," she said. "It pulls together several dimensions I work with." Upon hearing of her induction, Small was surprised. A person in California nominated her. The induction makes her "feel that my work is appreciated."

This past November, Small pre-

sented a speech at the Broward County Florida Public Library. "I was excited because I had never been to Ft. Lauderdale. The building was fantastic," she said. "It was eight stories high and had 35 branches." The program was titled "Behind the Mask: Public Policy, Race and Culture in the Dawn of 20th Century America." Also speaking were Dr. W. Sherman Jackson from Miami (Ohio) University and Ralph Moon, a student at the University of Cincinnati. In her speech, Small discussed black political leadership and compared important individuals, including Booker T. Washington, Ida B.

Wells-Barnett, and W.E.B. DuBois. She discussed how they were able to motivate the public, but sometimes could not speak out as much as they wished because their lives were often threatened. "They had to operate behind a mask of conciliation," Small said, "in order to protect their lives."

Small hosted an oral history workshop in Virginia this past Saturday. Then on Sunday, she was in a Christmas parade with the Buffalo Soldiers.

Small will be on sabbatical during January, but is booked for many speeches already during the month of February. Best of luck on your trips, Dr. Small!



The Flyer/Sarah Barnett

ROTC is looking for "a few good" students

Jennifer Anderson
Staff Writer

Are you looking for an elective where you can fly in helicopters, earn scholarships, and use hands-on army equipment? If so, then the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at SSU is just for you!

The courses offered, Military Science (MS) I and II are targeted at freshmen and sophomores, and contrary to myth, require no military service obligation. The classes range from one to three credits, and the students can actually negotiate at what times they wish to meet.

Courses are designed to develop confidence, self-esteem, motivation, and leadership and communication skills that many career scouts seek.

Members are given the option to attend "basic camp," where 50 percent of

participants earn scholarships. At basic camp, students complete confidence courses, use army equipment, and play FTX war games. "Once you play the FTX games, you'll want to stay in [ROTC] forever," encouraged senior Mike Goodenough. "The games are a lot more mentally challenging than they are physically challenging," he added. The camp is designed to spark interest in staying with the program through junior and senior year.

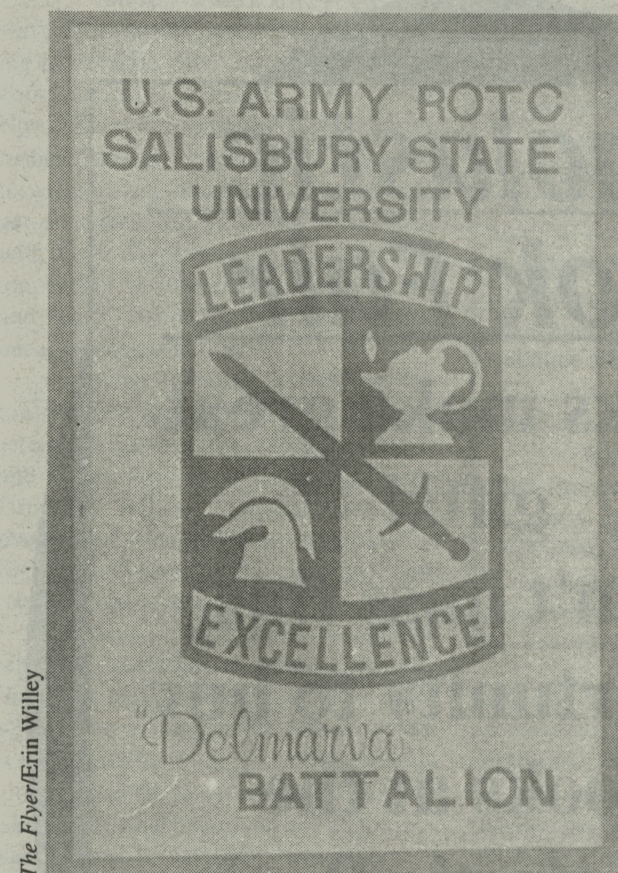
ROTC is the largest officer-producing program in the armed forces and is facilitated in universities by reserve officers. SSU's director is Sgt. David Nichols. The courses at SSU are open to males and females of any major.

Currently, however, SSU is in danger of losing its ROTC battalion due to a lack of student interest. Three years ago, SSU lost the program and participants were given the option to enter programs in different schools.

Recently, active duty members and current SSU students Bobby Crocker and Adam Mooney have begun to rebuild the program under the leadership of Nichols.

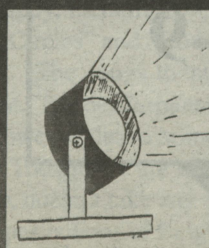
You don't have to wear a uniform around campus; you won't have to go off to war, and none of the military codes of conduct apply to first- and second-year participants. "ROTC is the most exciting and challenging course - period," said Crocker. For more information, students can call the Veterans Coordinator's Office at 410-543-6296.

So, be all that you can be and sign up for ROTC courses at SSU!



The Flyer/Erin Willey

If you have any suggestions for faculty, staff or student spotlights, send them to Box 3183, call 3-6191 or email us at flyer@ssu.edu



Hardball host to speak at SSU Dec. 12

Press Release
Office of Public Relations

Christopher Matthews, the host of *Hardball*, one of the highest-rated programs on CNBC, and Washington Bureau chief for the *San Francisco Examiner*, will speak at SSU on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6:30p.m. in the Wicomico Room of the Guerrieri University Center. His topic is "Winston Churchill: Man of the Century." Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Matthews "has this way of zeroing in on what everybody is talking about," said *Washington Post* media critic Howard Kurtz. "People either love it or hate it."

A nationally syndicated columnist, Matthews has covered such tremendous events as the opening of the Berlin Wall, the first all-races election in South Africa, the historic peace referendum in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, and three U.S. presidential elections. In 1997 and 1998, his digging in the National Archives produced a series of *Examiner* scoops on the Nixon presidential tapes.

Matthews is the author of two best-selling books. *Hardball*, a political primer, has become assigned reading at

colleges and high schools across the country since its debut on the best-seller lists in 1988.

In 1996, he authored *Kennedy & Nixon, the Rivalry that Shaped Post-War America*, which chronicles the early friendship and historical rivalry between these two political giants. The Arts & Entertainment network produced a one-hour documentary based on Matthews' book.

A graduate of Holy Cross College, Matthews did graduate work in economics at the University of North Carolina and served with the U.S. Peace Corps in Swaziland. He learned politics as an aide to Senator Edmund S. Muskie, a presidential speechwriter for Jimmy Carter and long-time administrative assistant to Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr.

Matthews is married to Kathleen Matthews, news anchor for ABC's Washington affiliate, WJLA. They have three children.

Matthews' appearance is sponsored by SSU's Collegiate Conservative Society and the Franklin P. Perdue School of Business. For more information, contact Dr. Robert Dombrowski in the Perdue School at 410-543-6316.



The Flyer/Courtesy of Public Relations

Wiccans celebrate nature

Liz Wood
Staff Writer

During the final days of December, the sky will darken prematurely and whirling winds will tear through skeletal trees. Most students divert themselves from the gloom by warming up with bubbling cider, sharing gifts, and festooning their houses with colored lights and garlands. However, not everybody does.

While much of the nation's population is celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ on the 25, others are preparing for the rebirth of the geological sun on Dec. 22. This holiday is called Yule and falls on the winter solstice, the day that sunlight hours begin to increase.

Yule festivities are celebrated by Pagans, also known as witches, or Wiccans. According to one SSU student who claims to be a practicing witch, "There are many misperceptions about the true beliefs of witches."

The student witch, who wishes to be referred to as "Ember," said, "Sabrina [The Teenage Witch on the popular TV

show] is trivializing what we are." According to Ember, Hollywood gives people false ideas about Wiccan beliefs, the modern form of witchcraft.

Ember does not eat unsympathetic professors or turn unruly roommates into frogs. "For me," she explains, "It's more of a spirituality. It is a religion and part of it is the practice of magic."

Ember said her spells are mostly for healing and protection - never for anything dark or harmful. One conjures them up by "visualizing what you want to happen and sending energy into the world or universe."

Wiccan beliefs are nature-based; therefore holidays, such as the Yule, are celebrations of the earth and wilderness. Other celebrations take place on the fall and spring equinoxes, on the summer solstice, and - biggest of all - on Halloween! October 31st is seen as the last Harvest Festival before the cold months and as a time to reflect on the past year in order to make plans for the upcoming one.

Witches primarily worship God-

desses. As a female, a witch finds it easier to associate with female deities. "We don't even believe that Satan exists," Ember said, who is most bothered by the fact that others think she worships the Devil.

Interestingly, not all followers of Wicca are female. According to Ember, about 40 percent of worshippers are male, including her husband. Actually, he is the one that introduced her to the practice.

After the initial surprise of Ember's conversion from Christianity, most people, including her parents, now tolerate her beliefs even if they do not agree. However, she continually faces discrimination from others who are not as accepting. Because she is Wiccan, Ember said a co-worker at a previous job avoided

working with her and one professor gave her a lower grade than she deserved for a project on witchcraft because "the material was inappropriate."

Lately, there has been a growing concern about the lack of diversity on the SSU campus. Ember has had problems feeling accepted, perhaps because of this "lack". If the atmosphere were friendlier towards people who different, Ember said she might not feel so apprehensive about giving out her true name.

Until things change, the young witch will hide her identity, continuing to blend in with the homogenous body of SSU students. She is not releasing her hair color, but she does want everyone to know, "My cat is not black, it's gray!"

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Music Reviews

(or Elitist indie-snob denounces mainstream rock, while praising the independent musician.)

Rage Against the Machine The Battle of Los Angeles (Epic) *** (of five)

Rage Against the Machine's third full-length album has probably been the most anticipated major label release of the year. On *The Battle of Los Angeles*, RATM sticks to the formula that has served them so well in the past - aggressive thrash-rock with politically-inspired lyrics. The album is everything you'd expect. Tom Morello shows off his mass chops on the guitar, Tim Bob lays down the funk rhythms on bass, and frontman Zach de la Rocha complains about the government (again).

Shortly afterward, a gigantic wave of third-rate bands cropped up, trying to emulate what Sunny Day had accomplished. The results weren't even close. Every teenager with a broken heart rushed out to buy a guitar, then proceeded to write a song about how they couldn't get over their last girlfriend breaking up with them. Tight sweaters came into fashion, crying on stage turned into the norm, and "emo" (short for emotional music) became a household word.

After releasing its brilliant follow-up, *LP2*, the following year, frontman Jeremy Enigk went into religious seclusion and Sunny Day Real Estate broke up. Drummer William Goldsmith and bass player Nate Mendel left to create the Foo Fighters with Dave Grohl, and Enigk later recorded a solo album.

Music fans nationwide rejoiced when the band announced they were getting back together, and flocked to stores when *How It Feels to Be Something On* was released in 1998. The album brought emo beyond the levels of its past glory, as Sunny Day Real Estate showed all the cry-baby wanna-be's ripping them off how it was done and then some. (Rage Against the Machine could learn a lesson from this...)

Sunny Day Real Estate Live was recorded all at one show in Eugene, Oregon at the end of May. The CD is heavy on tracks from *How it Feels...*, but has enough of the earlier material on it to keep fans happy, including popular songs such as "In Circles" and "Rodeo Jones."

The songs themselves are magnificent. The performance and the recording, however, leave something to be desired. The guitars are muddy, and the vocal mix doesn't take any measures to hide the imperfections of Enigk's voice. In ad-

dition, several of the songs (including the opening track, "Pillars") are played noticeably slower than usual.

A quality recording and a nearly flawless performance are essential when releasing a live CD. Sadly, this album comes up just a little short in both departments. Sunny Day Real Estate is an incredible band, and well-known for its breathtaking live performances, but it seems as if Sub Pop simply chose the wrong show to make a live CD from. A good record, but not one to start on if you haven't heard them before. Give the other albums a try first, then pick this up if you decide you like what you hear.

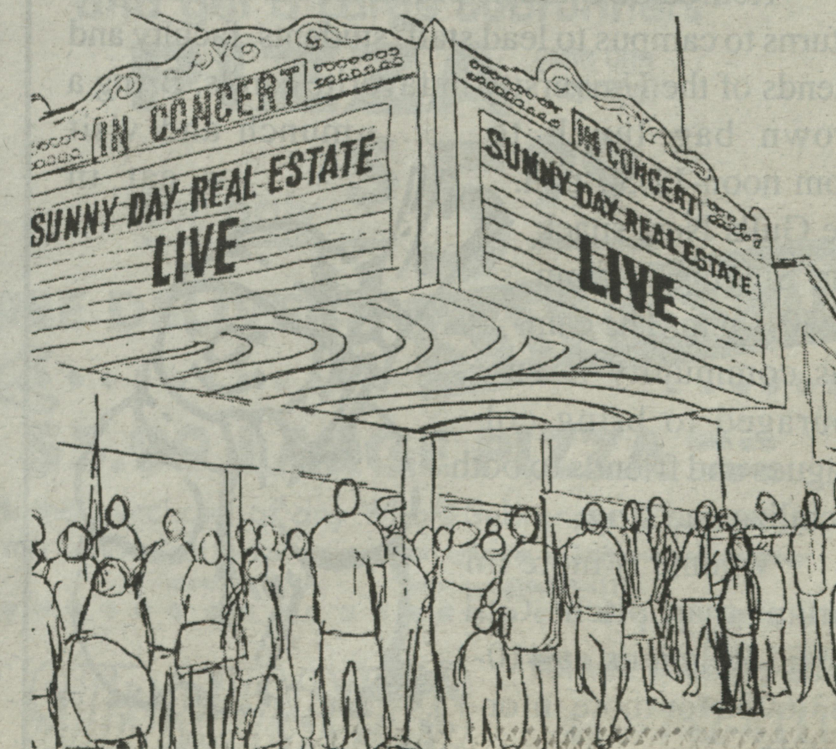
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RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE



ing the hell out of each other at your concerts to care about what you're saying. And those that do pay attention to Rage's political rantings will be the first to tell you that they contain more contradictions and hypocrisy than the subjects of their songs. The band talks about getting results, but their aggro-rock is more likely to start a violent riot, than make serious progress against the capitalistic nature of "Corporate America."

All in all, this record isn't bad. If you're a fan of the previous two records and don't care about musical growth or evolution, then you'll love it. But, if you're like me, and expect a little more out of bands as big as Rage Against the Machine, you might be disappointed.



Music Reviews

At the Drive-In Vaya (Fearless Records) *1/2(of five)

At the Drive-In is one of those bands that irks me. Somehow, they've managed to get themselves surrounded by an incredible amount of hype for creating a new sound, when in reality all they've done is rip-off a bunch of lesser known bands.

In the mid-nineties, bands such as Hose, Got.Cable, the Sleepytime Trio, and 400 Years perfected the post-hardcore type of music known as "spazz-core." This genre was characterized by its stop-and-go, quiet then loud, bursting fits of intense music and screaming, as well as absolute flipping-out on stage. There are only two differences between those bands and At the Drive-In - the lead singer of At the Drive-In has a ridiculous "look-at-me" afro, and the aforementioned bands are good.

At the Drive-In's entire reputation

stands on its live performance. You won't ever hear anyone saying that they write great music. You'll only hear that they freak out on stage. Well, maybe that kind of thing is enough in El Paso, Texas (their hometown), but not around here, fellas. Bands in DC and Baltimore have been jumping off bass drums, slamming their heads into walls, and freaking audience members from back when At the Drive-In were still crawling around in diapers. And they played good music while they were doing it, also.

At a recent show in DC, band frontman Cedric Bixler pompously stopped in the middle of the set to ask the audience why they weren't getting into the act. "Welcome to DC," a crowd member responded. "We've seen this before."

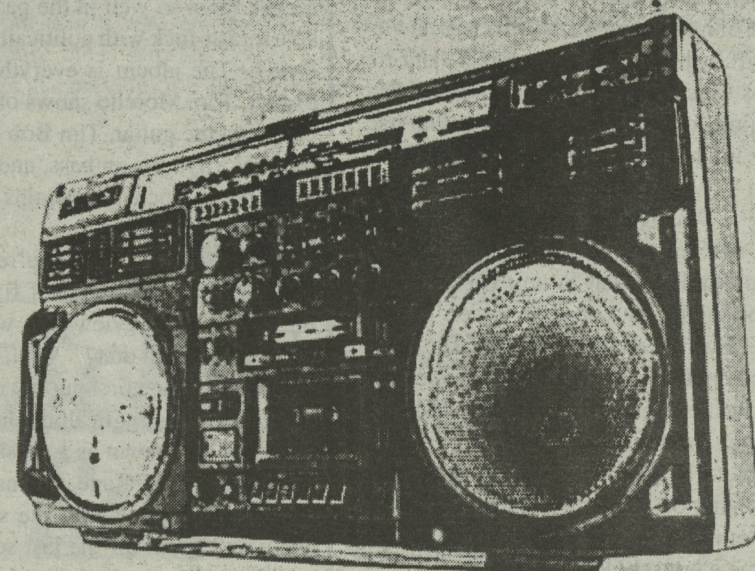
The group's second full-length album, *Vaya*, does nothing more than blatantly showcase what bands At the Drive-In is stealing from. One moment, you think you're listening to Fugazi. No, wait. Now it's Rage Against the Machine. Nevermind, this record is just crap. *Vaya*

pulls out every technique ever utilized by any respectable band and makes it sound cheesy.

In addition to all the press they've been getting, At the Drive-In is actually opening a series of shows for Rage Against the Machine. I suppose I should be happy that I may be witnessing an independent

band getting some serious exposure in the world of mainstream music, but I'm not. It doesn't seem right that several unnoticed bands worked hard over the course of years to create something new, only so that this band can half-heartedly rip them off and get credit for it.

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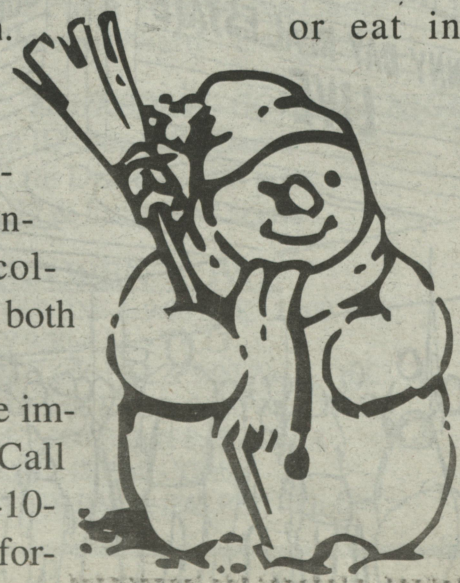
VAYA

Fa-la-la-la-la...

Get into the spirit! The SSU campus will hold a very informal lunchtime holiday sing-along on Monday, Dec. 13, from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the Guerrieri University Center.

Retired SSU music professor Dr. Ray Zeigler returns to campus to lead staff, students, faculty and friends of the University in favorite carols. Bring a brown bag lunch to munch and visit from noon-12:30 p.m. or eat in the Gulls Nest snack bar. Singing is from 12:30-1 p.m. The campus community is encouraged to bring colleagues and friends to both socialize and sing.

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What's Happening? A Guide to Campus Events

Salisbury Symphony Orchestra to hold holiday concert

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Thomas G. Elliot, presents its annual holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. Performance times are 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., with a reception to meet the soloists and orchestra members immediately following the 8 p.m. performance.

Melissa Tardiff, harpist, and Joanna Goldstein, flutist, will perform Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp, K. 299. Roommates throughout college, both young women recently graduated from the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University as performance majors.

Tardiff graduated from James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury and attended SSU for two years before transferring to Peabody. She began her performing career with the Salisbury Symphony Affiliated Youth Orchestra. She has attended the Salzedo Summer Harp Colony for the last five summers where she studied with Alice Chalifoux. She is presently working toward her Master of Music at Peabody, as a student of Jeanne Chalifoux.

Goldstein earned her Bachelor of Music at Boston University as a student of Doriot Dwyer. At Peabody, she studied with Mark Sparks and earned her Master of Music. She is currently an Artist in Residence at the Longy School of Music in Boston, and is a member of the Chiaro Vento Wind Quintet. She is studying with Robert Wiloughby at this time.

Also featured will be Erin

McKenzie on solo violin, playing Gabriel Faure's Berceuse, Op. 16. McKenzie is a senior at Wicomico High School and is presently studying with Carlton Herrett of Whitehaven. Concertmistress of the Salisbury Symphony Affiliated Youth Orchestra, McKenzie has been a member of

that group since the seventh grade and was invited to play in the adult orchestra during her sophomore year in high school. She plans to attend SSU next year.

Elliot has also programmed the Overture from the opera Fidelio, Op. 72, by Ludwig van Beethoven; Quiet City by Aaron Copland, which features John O'Meara on English horn and James Bean on trumpet; and Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in A Major, Op. 90 (The Italian). Elliot describes The Italian as "rollicking, festive themes of the sort that in the 19th century swirled around the public piazzas on feast days."

As usual, the SSO Annual Holiday Concert will conclude with seasonal favorites, includ-

ing the now famous sing-a-long. Please note that Santa's visit will be limited to the 2 p.m. concert (due to his overwhelmingly busy schedule.) However, he will again be leading both the young and the young-at-heart in a special "holiday march" around the performance hall.

Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$8 for seniors and for students, are available at Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council ticket outlets, or by calling the Symphony Office at 410-548-5587.

Auditions to be held

SSU's Bobbi Biron Theatre Program holds auditions for its upcoming Studio Series show, "Welcome to Freeman," on Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 8-9.

Auditions will be held in the Fulton Hall Rehearsal Room 203 on Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 8-9:30p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 9, from 7-9p.m.

The Studio Series often involves new or experimental pieces. "Welcome to Freeman" will be a staged reading based on the Mary Wilkins Freeman short story, "The Revolt of Mother."

There are several roles for different-aged characters. All SSU students, faculty, staff and local community residents are welcomed to audition. No prior theatrical experience is necessary. Actors must be able to rehearse evenings in January. Performances are Feb. 9-13 in Fulton Hall Theatre.

"Rehearsals will involve transforming a piece of literature into a stage play. The process will be improvisation and fun," said director Richard Culver. For more information, call Culver at 410-543-6030.



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Men's Basketball triumphs 116-73

Gulls dismantles Gallaudet

Daniel Namorato
Sports Editor

On Wednesday night the SSU Men's Basketball Team opened its CAC schedule with a convincing 116-73 rout of Gallaudet. The Gulls (2-2, 1-0) came into the game after losing two of their first three games, but wasted no time in jumping all over the Bison. SSU used an early 14-0 run to set the tone in front of a crowd of 279 at the Maggs Center. "We really executed our full court defense and exploited their poor ball handling," said SSU Coach Ward Lambert.

SSU would extend their lead to 29-9 and take a 61-32 lead into the intermission. The Gulls defense

forced 27 first half turnovers and added 16 steals. SSU's starting five came ready to play from the opening tip. Senior guard Colin Exelby propelled the early run by hitting two three-pointers. Doug King, who came into the game leading the team in assists with five per game, ignited the offense, distributing a game-high 10 assists.

Josh Merkel connected on five of six shots, including two out of three from three-point range, for a total of 12 points. Jason Campion continued to carry a bulk of the offense as he tallied team-high with 16 points. Senior Cameron Bryant hit five of his six shots for 11 points.

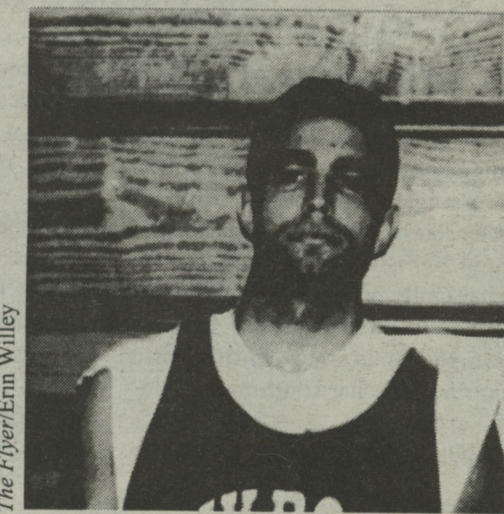
As if the play from the starters

wasn't enough, Coach Lambert received an even better effort from his bench. Babatunde Bandle scored 10 first-half points on way to a 12-point 6-rebound night. Lambert commented on Bandle, "He is our best offensive rebounder and he's great around the basket."

Senior Tony Chavelli had himself a fine evening as well, grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds.

The reserve point guards came in and did a fine job backing up King. Ali Azizikia scored seven points and dished out five assists, while sophomore Jared Silberzahn added three assists.

Last year's CAC Rookie of the Year, Victor Jackson, came into the game leading the team in scoring, with an average of 19.3 points per game. He had a good evening scoring 12 points and grabbing 6 rebounds.



The Flyer/Erin Willey

Senior Tony Chavelli came off the bench to grab a game-high 10 rebounds.

Senior Danny Fisher was right on from the perimeter connecting for 10 points on two out of four from downtown. Swingman Matt Briggs pulled down career-high six rebounds and Lou Clarke added four points in the decisive first half.

Even freshmen Tim Knapp and Brian Turner got into the act in their first home game. Knapp scored seven points, pulled down five rebounds and had four steals while Turner highlighted the night with five points in just six minutes of work.

The 116 points scored by SSU was its highest output of the young season. SSU hit on 10 three-pointers and had six players notch double figures in scoring. The Gulls shot a blistering 55% from the field and forced Gallaudet into 41 turnovers. Despite all the excitement, Coach Lambert still has his doubts, "This was our best game of the year, but we still aren't a consistent team. We could easily be 4-0 instead of 2-2."

Gallaudet (1-5, 0-2) did have some bright spots to take from the loss. The Bison shot 48% from the field and forced SSU into 23 turnovers. Freshmen guard Jeremiah Valencia led the team pouring in game-high 19 points.

The Gulls face a difficult upcoming schedule. An away game at defending CAC Champion Goucher (Dec. 8) is sandwiched between home games against national powerhouses, Virginia Wesleyan (Dec. 6) Christopher Newport (Dec. 11).



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Jason Campion boasted 16 points in the win over Gallaudet.

Congratulations to Suzy McCulloch

Sophomore Suzy McCulloch finished 48th overall at the NCAA Division III Cross Country National Championship Meet in Oshkosh, WI. She ran her fastest time of the season with a 17:48. McCulloch was named NCAA Mid-east Region Women's

Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track Coaches Association. McCulloch won seven of her eight races this season, including the Mid-east Regional Championship on Nov. 13.



The Flyer/Kelly Whaley

Gallaudet rallies past Gulls

Lenny Mierzwa
Sports Writer

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, the SSU Women's Basketball Team hosted its first Capital Athletic Conference game against the Bison of Gallaudet University. The Gulls came into the contest winning their first three games, while the Bison posted a 3-1 record in the early season. The game was high paced but in the end SSU surrendered a second-half lead falling 85-78.

SSU took a quick 2-0 lead, then went dry and did not score another point for over four minutes. The Bison used the back door cut to open up shots for their forwards en route to a 9-0 run. SSU got its offense going by enforcing a full court press after scoring, which forced Gallaudet to commit 20 first-half turnovers. Furthermore, the Gulls posted 11 steals and put themselves in good positions to score. However, the Gulls struggled from inside the paint and had a hard time making close shots all evening.

One of the goals for the Gulls was

obviously to give the ball to their star center, Lisa Neylan. As the Gulls would bring the ball down the court, SSU Head Coach Bridget Benshetler could be heard yelling "Give it to Neylan." Neylan responded, scoring 13 points with 7 rebounds in the first half.

Halfway through the first half, Gallaudet's All-American center Ronda Jo Miller picked up her second foul and had to sit. SSU used this to its advantage and went on a 9-1 run, when Gallaudet was finally forced to call a timeout. The Gulls extended their lead after the timeout and took a 41-32 lead going into the intermission.

As the second half started, the game began to change drastically. The Bison came out on fire and began to chip away at the Gulls lead. Miller singlehandedly brought the Bison back. With eight minutes left in the game, they took the lead and never looked back. The Gulls had chances to cut into the lead, but missed free throws late in the game stalled

the rally. Poor shooting plagued the Gulls and Gallaudet won by a final of 85-78, handing the Gulls their first loss of the season.

After the game, Coach Benshetler commented, "We didn't make easy shots. If our shots were on, we would have won. We are going to compete in this conference, Gallaudet has a good team." The Gulls shot just 37% from the field and 50% from the foul line, which makes it tough for any team to win.

One of the keys to Gallaudet's success was All-American Miller's play. Miller finished 11 of 16 from the field for 25 points, 11 rebounds, and 5 blocks in just 26 minutes. Coach Benshetler commented on the Gull plan to defend Miller, "Our game plan was to double down and get her in early foul trouble. We did the job, but couldn't capitalize."

For the Gulls, Lisa Neylan, Amy Campion, and Elisabeth Barfuss were bright spots. Neylan scored 27 points,

while grabbing 11 rebounds. Campion had another strong game scoring 13 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Barfuss was the total player with 13 points, nine rebounds, seven assists, and seven steals.

SSU is back in action Dec. 9 at Goucher, but doesn't host another game until Jan. 15.



The Flyer/Sarah Barnett

Lisa Neylan was a bright spot for SSU, scoring 27 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Athletic trainers: Keeping SSU athletes on their feet

Steve McIntosh
Sports Writer

How many times have you been at an SSU athletic event, rooting on your team in a crowd of your peers when suddenly, a player falls to the ground clutching a part of his/her body or not moving at all? The crowd silences and everyone looks on with concern. The next thing you know, a host of people you were not aware of before surround the player and begin working on them furiously. These people then help the player off the playing surface and continue to work - wrapping, icing down, or just searching for the problem. These people are athletic trainers and may be the most under appreciated part of the sports program at SSU.

The program, headed by Pat Lamboni, consists of 25 athletic trainers, three graduate assistants and two teaching and athletic training staff members. This makes it one of the smallest, yet most grueling majors on campus.

The athletic training staff, depending on the season, does up to 100 treat-

ments a day on around 50 athletes. During most of the seasons, the doors open at seven in the morning and don't close until intramurals finish, which can sometimes go past midnight. If that is not enough, when the men's basketball season begins, the doors open at 4:30 a.m. to accommodate their practice time. Most of us are still deep in sleep. "We're kind of like the 7-11 of the campus. We are open all hours," said Lamboni.

Junior Kendra Gotsch believes the job to be long but rewarding, and that the small size of the group brings the trainers together. "Everybody experiences the same thing, so we can relate to one another," said Gotsch. "There is a lot of teamwork and in a way we are like a fraternity or a sorority."

Lamboni commented that even though the hours are long, often you don't realize the extent to which you have been working. "It [the time commitment] takes its toll, especially on the students with their social activities. I think in the long run though, we have had very good success in

having our students leaving here and going on to very successful jobs," said Lamboni. Lamboni first became a part of the program in 1974 when he transferred in as the athletic trainer for baseball under the guidance of Hunter Smith, who is now the Head Trainer for the Indianapolis Colts. "He [Smith] gave me a great introduction into the field, and I thought that it would be a great way to stay involved in athletics," said Lamboni.

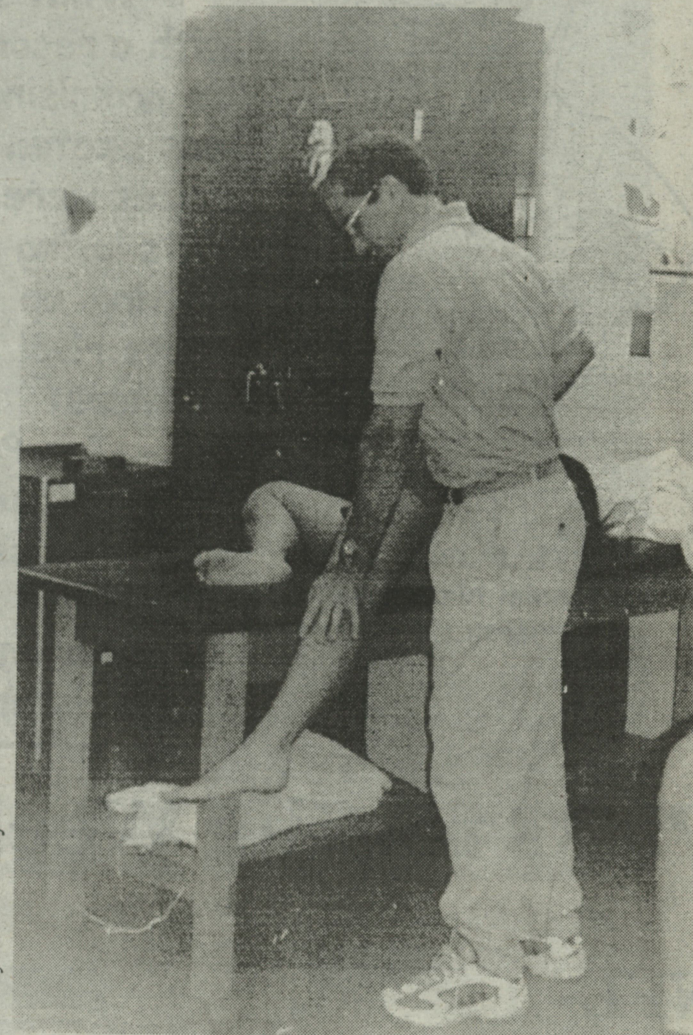
Lamboni's continued friendship with Smith and former student, Dave Walston, who is

an assistant with the Colts, has led to opportunities for many SSU students. Senior Brian Parker had the opportunity to take an internship with the Indianapolis Colts this past summer. "Our Head Trainer, Pat Lamboni, told me about the opportunity and said I should send them a letter and my resume and that he would put in a good word for me," said Parker. He traveled to Indianapolis in June for two weeks for an orientation and got to know their system, expectations and met the players. Parker went back to the Colts on July 11 for training camp and stayed until Aug. 27. He described the experience as a great one, despite some nights in which he only received three hours of sleep and working roughly 100 hours a week. "I was really surprised with the NFL players because they were really receptive to us," said Parker.

The schedule for some of the trainers that participate in other extracurricular activities is overwhelming. Sophomore Andrew Carter, as well as being a

trainer, is a member of the SSU football team. "It's been a real time management thing," he said. Carter does football-related activities all day and then after practice runs to the Gull's Nest and gets something to eat. Then he goes to work until 11:00p.m. and is back in there at 6:45 in the morning. Carter also believes that his experience with football and training will be a valuable one. "Being a football player, you know how an ankle wrap is supposed to feel; you know how a wrist wrap is supposed to feel, so that way, as a trainer, I can work my way backwards," said Carter. Carter believes that all his hard work is going to be beneficial to him in the long run. "The rewards from this work will come four or five years down the road with a good job," said Carter.

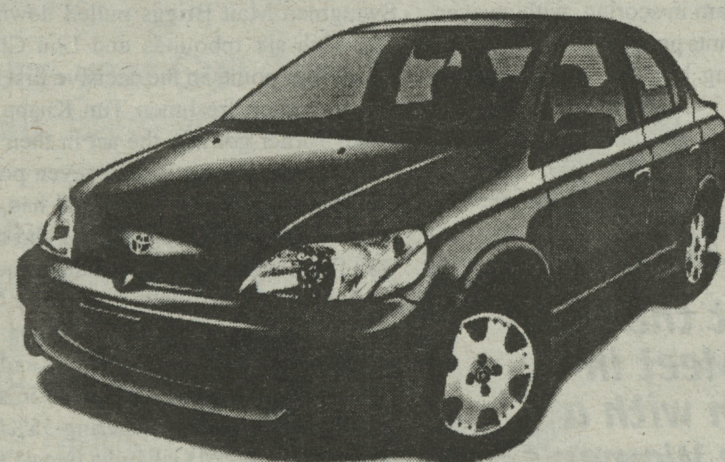
Despite the long hours and grueling schedule, the trainers seem to enjoy their work "If you find a job you love you will never work a day in your life, and I really believe that," said Lamboni.



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The athletic training crew works intense hours to keep SSU athletes in top physical shape.

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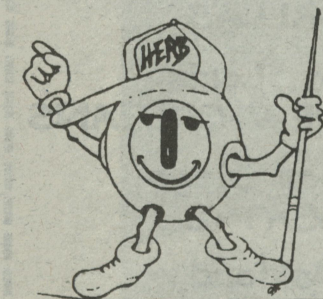
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Daniel Namorato
Sports Editor

Beat the Editor

What seemed like a pretty good week, with a record of 9-7, didn't turn out to be as promising as our pigskin prognosticator was beaten by six contestants. Among my losses were the Giants falling at home, the Jets losing to Indianapolis, and Texas A&M putting up a spirited effort to beat in-state rival Texas.

Winners:

14 - Joe Poist III
12 - Megan Lewis
12 - Melissa Jordan
12 - Chad Poist
11 - Karen Stevenson
11 - Kristen Noe

My record:
95-63

Contest Rules:

1. Put an "X" in the box next to the teams you predict will win.
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4. All entries must be received by 7:00 pm Friday.
5. Beat The Editor is open to SSU students, faculty and staff.
6. All entries can be dropped off in front of the dining hall, next to the newspaper stand.
7. Any questions, feel free to call *The Flyer*, 3-6191.

Picks for the Week:

NFL-

Falcons over 49ERS - To think that this game is meaningless is scary.

PACKERS over Panthers - Green Bay keeps its playoff hopes alive.

BENGALS over Browns - Plenty of good seats still available.

BUCCANEERS over Lions - This Tampa Bay defense is for real.

Ravens over STEELERS - I love Bill Cowher as a coach, but it's just not Pittsburgh's year.

NY JETS over Dolphins - New York has owned Miami of late.

COLTS over Patriots - Indy is well beyond its years!

Vikings over CHIEFS - Minnesota has been revived under Jeff George.

BILLS over NY Giants - Buffalo stays in the thick of things in the wild AFC East.

COWBOYS over Eagles - I'll take Dallas, 17-14.

Rams over SAINTS - Mike Ditka's days in New Orleans may be numbered.

SEAHAWKS over Chargers - Seattle has its eye on the AFC West title.

Raiders over TITANS - Oakland is a desperate team and desperate teams come up with big efforts.

JAGUARS over Broncos - Jacksonville's schedule is as weak as Virginia Tech's.

REDSKINS over Cardinals - Washington is primed for the stretch run.

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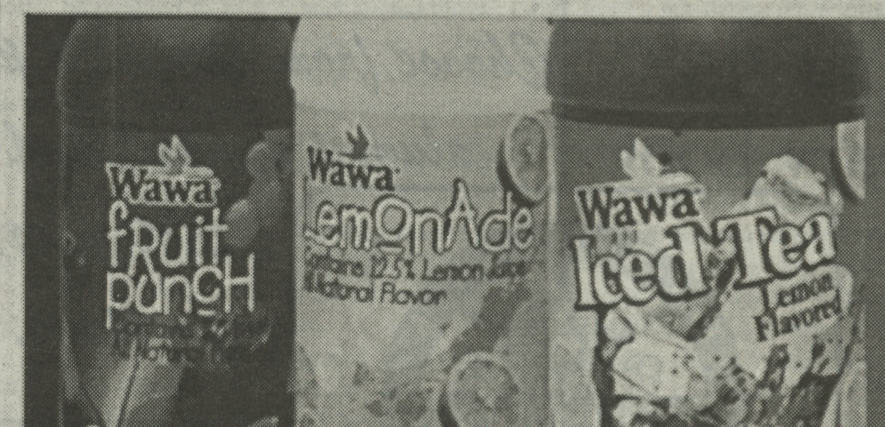
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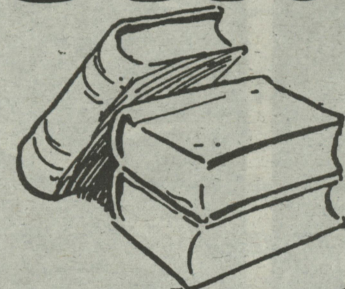
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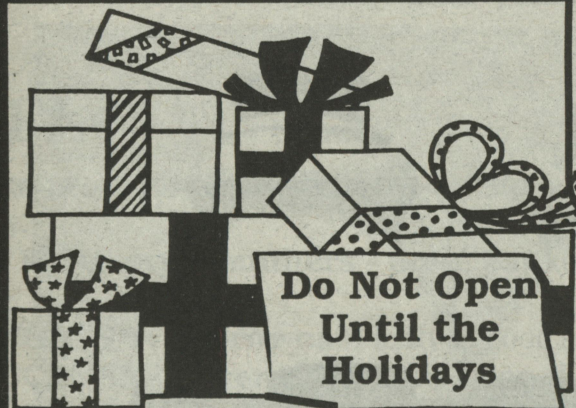
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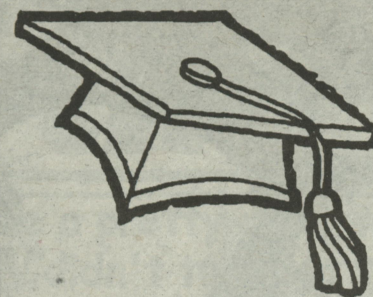
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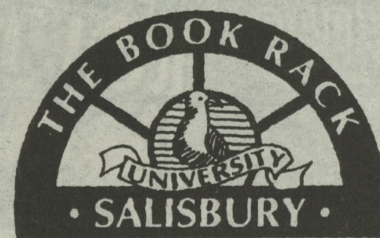
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Bike Club News

The SSU Bike Club is offering a wonderful opportunity for a winter break trip to sunny Florida from Jan. 7-16, 2000.

The club will travel to historical St. Augustine and from there, bike each day across the state. Bikers will average 40 miles each day, but each person may ride distances they prefer. Except for motel accommodations, the first and last nights of the trip, the club will be camping in beautiful state parks. In addition to biking, canoeing, swimming with the manatees, camping and sight-seeing are the highlights.

Cost of the trip is \$175. A \$50 deposit is due by Dec. 14 and the balance of \$125 must be paid by Jan. 4. Please pay all money to Dean Burroughs (Chair of the Department of Physical Education) MC 233-Maggs Gym. Please make all checks payable to SSU Bike Club.

You may reach Dean Burroughs at 410-543-6344 for any additional information.

Campus Directory

The 1999-2000 Campus Directory (off-campus directory) has been delivered. If you did not receive one, they are available at the Information Desk in the Guerrieri University Center.

First Night Call For Volunteers

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PALS

Partnership for Adolescents on the Lower Shore (PALS), in its fifth year, is looking for new members. Members will be required to have a background check prior to beginning service. The AmeriCorps program in this area is administered by SSU and local community agencies. The local program, ShoreCorps/PALS on the Lower Shore, is committed to providing direct service to adolescents and hopes to serve as a shining example of just how much we can "GET THINGS DONE" when agencies are committed to working with adolescents.

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Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships

Three study-abroad scholarships are available to juniors and seniors thanks to the Rotary Foundation.

The first is the *Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship* for one academic year (usually nine months) of full-time study at an institution assigned by the Rotary. This scholarship is not appropriate for study of a foreign language as candidates are expected to be proficient in the language of the host country. (Award amounts \$11-25 K)

Next, the *Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship* is for either two to three years of full-time degree-oriented study. Scholarship may be used for almost any field of study. (Award amount \$12 K)

The last is the *Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship* for either three or six months of intensive language training and cultural immersion at a language school selected by the Rotary. (Not to exceed \$12-19 K)

Any interest, please drop by International Student Services to fill out an application. Or, feel free to contact Agata Liskowska at 36313. Deadline is March 2000.

***Must not be a Rotarian, spouse of or lineal descendant (child or grandchild) of a Rotarian.

Social Work Club

The Social Work Club is helping families in need this Christmas with a Winter Wonderland Angel Tree. The tree is on the CH bulletin board. Please choose an ornament from the tree and purchase the gift. Return the wrapped gift with the ornament on the outside of the package to the Social Work Dept.

Thanks again to all that donated food for Thanksgiving!

SSU Fishing Club

The newly formed SSU Fishing Club is up and running! We are still looking for members and ideas for trips in the spring. If you have any ideas or you are interested in the club, meetings are on Thursdays at 3:30p.m. in DH 110. Also, check out our web page at www.angelfire.com/md2/SSUFISHINGCLUB.

SSU Gospel Choir Practice

The SSU Gospel Choir is devoted to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song. We minister to SSU and the community. Our hopes are to help others see the Light of the World. We meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30p.m. in the Pocomoke Room of the Guerrieri University Center. All are welcome to attend.

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For full details, please come to the major interest meeting on Dec. 15 at 6p.m. in the Modern Language House.

Study Skills Workshops

SSU's Student Counseling Services provides study skills workshops throughout the Fall Semester. Wednesday, Dec. 8 will mark the next workshop. The topic discussed by SSU Academic Success Counselor, Robert Crawley, will be "Test-Taking." All workshops are located in the Blackwell Library, Seminar Rm. 131. To guarantee a seat in the workshop, please call Student Counseling Services at 410-543-6070 or stop by the Guerrieri University Center Rm. 262, to schedule an appointment with Robert Crawley, the Academic Success Counselor.

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K **ΑΣΦ**
Alpha Sigma Phi
Only a few weeks left fellas! Congratulations to Brothers Eric, Donnell, Matt, Nick, Jeremy, and Tim for being inducted into the Brotherhood. Sig of the week goes to Poomba for his excellent work as the New Member Educator. Wig of the week goes once again to The Real Deale for comments he made that we won't go into. E. Dawg wants to thank BustaBusta for the nice "house-warming gift." Thanks to Phi Mu for the social this past weekend. Finally, finals are among

us...study hard guys and good luck. Till next time, "Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you." -Spanish Proverb

Φ **ΦΜ** **Π**
Phi Mu

First, we would like to congratulate all of our newly initiated sisters: Tara D., Tara N., Cathy, Katie, Star, Erin, Michelle, Melissa, Betsy, and Liz. We love you girls!!! Next, we want to wish Happy Belated Birthdays to Lauren, Betsy, Sabrina, Bethany and Heather!!! Happy Birthday girls!!! Also, we

want to thank our president, Ami DeMoss, for all of her hard work this year. Thanks a lot Ami!!! And congratulations to Melissa Pinder and her boyfriend, Jerry, on their recent engagement!!!

Finally, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

T **TKE** **E**
Tau Kappa Epsilon

As the great one says, "Finally the TKEs have come back to *The Flyer*." First and foremost, congratulations to the new guys: Jon


Grandlund, Jason Barnard, Denny Taylor, Joe Crowley, and Marc Ginsberg. And now the fun begins! TKE o' the Week, Boone, for his monetary genius. Nutsack o' the week, Boone, for resigning with his monetary genius (maybe). Nice girls Dank. Way to go Joe. If you want to party with the TKEs, call Bill Butler, 410-572-6150 (You know you want to!) Jay says "I hope you are ready for the Willenium."

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Jim Phillips
Director of Public Safety

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11/16-11/17 Theft-a student reported that a backpack and contents were left in the second floor gym in Maggs. When returned to pick-up his property, the calculator that was inside had been stolen.

11/19 Theft-two students reported that money was stolen from lockers in the pool locker room in Maggs Gym.

11/22 Vandalism-a glass exit door was broken by a student slamming the door. Admin-

11/23 Noise Violation-officers responded to the 1E cluster in Chesapeake Hall where a party was going on. The non-residents were told to leave due to the excessive noise. Administrative action is pending.

11/23 Vandalism-residents of the 1F Cluster in Chesapeake Hall reported that an unknown person had urinated and spit on the entrance

11/18Theft-a sign stolen from the Pub in the University Center was recovered from a student's room in Chester Hall. Possible criminal charges and administrative action is pending.

11/26 Theft-certain documents were reported stolen from outside of an office in the Power Professional Building.

11/23-11/29 Theft-a resident of Dogwood Village reported that the front wheel was stolen from a bicycle in the Dogwood bike

12/3 Telephone Misuse-a resident of Chesapeake Hall reported receiving several annoying and unwanted phone calls. A possible suspect has been identified and the investigation is continuing.

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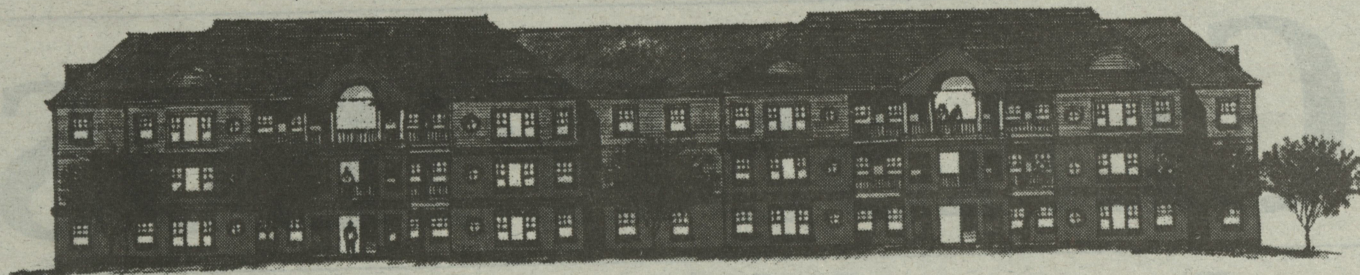
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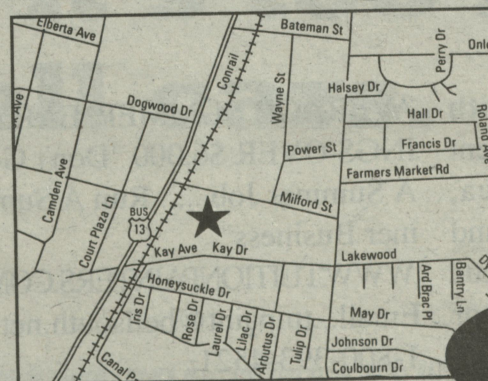
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